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Staff Updates

- Wendy St. Michell will be leaving the SDE this fall. If anyone is interested, the job description is posted at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/job_openings/. We will be refilling the position as soon as possible.
- Nichole Hall will now be working on the SAT and Toni Wheeler will work on the ACCUPLACER. Stephanie Lee will remain supporting both of these assessments.

SAT/ACCUPLACER



SAT° School Day

On November 3rd, eligible seniors will have one more chance to take the SAT. This is a National Test Day (Saturday) so students will need to register using the paper registration forms each district received in mid August from the College Board. All schools should have received an additional shipment of forms the week of Sept. 24th. School counselors should have a received a Bulk Transmittal Form, which has the customer ID to ensure the state pays for those eligible students. This form must be attached to all the paper registration forms and sent into to College Board before October 19th. No online registrations will be accepted for the November 3rd testing date.

Prerequisites for seniors:

- Seniors who have not yet taken a College Entrance Exam (for whatever reason)
- Seniors who took the ACCUPLACER Diagnostic (last spring as juniors) and would like to take the SAT instead of the optional ACCUPLACER Placement test

We would encourage all District Test Coordinators to check in with each high school to coordinate the November 3rd testing of eligible seniors and to ensure that each high school has received this information.

On Wednesday, September 19th Wendy St. Michell sent out an email to all High School Principals and SAT Points of Contact which included the SAT/ACCUPALCER Intake Form. Please be sure this form is filled out and sent back to Stephanie Lee, slee@sde.idaho.gov, no later than October 26th.

For more information regarding the SAT Online Course, National SAT School Day, SAT School Day on April 17th, 2013, and Idaho support contact information please view the SAT power point: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/SAT.htm.

Reminder, April 17, 2013 is the Idaho SAT School Day test for all Idaho public school juniors. **March 25 - April 3, 2013** is the ACCUPLACER Diagnostic Testing window, along with the optional ACCUPLACER Placement Test for seniors.

For more information regarding SAT please contact Nichole Hall: nhall@sde.idaho.gov/208-332-6933 or Stephanie Lee: slee@sde.idaho.gov/208-332-6903

For more information regarding ACCUPLACER please contact Toni Wheeler: tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov/208-332-6957 or Stephanie Lee: slee@sde.idaho.gov/208-332-6903



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Important:

- ~ Fall IRI Reporting deadline is October 12th. The IRI web application reporting site will close at the end of business day on the 12th (you will not be able to enter data after 6:00 pm MST).
- ~ AYP and STAR Rating results have been released and posted, http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/ FederalReq/. Please visit http://apps.sde.idaho.gov/AYP/ to view school and district results.
- ~ LEP Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) are posted. Please visit http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/IELA/scoreReports.htm to view the final 2012 AMAO determinations.
- ~ SAT school reports were sent to each school via email on August 30th. If you have not received the email, please look in your spam folder for an email from The College Board. These results differ from the individual student data sent in June by detailing students' aggregate performance on the SAT School Day. There is no embargo on the reports.
- ~ ISAT 2012 Scale Score to Percentile Ranks are posted please visit this site: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/ISAT/results.htm, to review the reports.

IELA

The 2012-2013 school year, will be the second year that all LEP student demographics will be pulled from ISEE and sent on to the IELA vendor, Questar, for upload to Service Point for pre-ID purposes. This information will be available for districts to view during the IELA Pre-ID window, December 3, 2012 through January 4, 2013.

To avoid any hiccups that may occur during this information exchange process, communication will be sent out shortly to notify districts of: (1) common issues from last year (which caused faulty information to be sent on to Questar), (2) important information which will be exported from ISEE and sent on to Questar, and (3) how districts can check with their IT personnel to determine if the information is correctly exporting from the district's student information system (SIS) before upload to the State Reporting Manager (SRM) server.

It has been brought to our attention that several districts did not receive the first IELA communication for the school year on September 6, 2012. The communication was resent on September 24, 2012, however several districts still did not receive the communication. Currently, IELA Coordinator, Nichole Hall, is contacting districts to update IELA contact information. If you are receiving this newsletter and are no longer the District Testing or LEP Coordinator, please contact Nichole Hall at (208) 332-6933, so information can be updated in Service Point and current people will receive all important updates.

For more information please contact Nichole Hall: nhall@sde.idaho.gov/208-332-6933

NAEP

Over 330 Idaho schools have been selected to participate in the NAEP assessment beginning January 2013. In order to streamline the process, an online website has been set up, allowing selected schools to register, download necessary documents, and obtain assessment information. In addition, student lists and demographics will no longer be collected at the local level and generated by the NAEP School Coordinator. Rather, the student lists will be obtained from the October 19th ISEE upload. This method will eliminate the need for School Coordinators to generate these detailed lists. Please ensure that all ISEE data is complete and correct.

For more information please contact Angela Hemingway: ahemingway@sde.idaho.gov/208-332-6824

"Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity."

— Aristotle —

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Formative/Interim Assessment

To provide additional support to teachers and leaders, the Classroom Assessment Community has been set up on EDMODO. Go to www.edmodo.com and click on JOIN. Select the Classroom Assessment Community and use the code QD7BDT. Check out the Library at the top of the page, and the folder Formative Assessment Strategies. This is a great opportunity to share with other teachers, as well as learn from each other.

October is a big month for professional development. Balanced Assessment Systems is a regional training being held in Post Falls October 4th, and Eagle on October 17th. This opportunity is for district and school leadership with priority given to ISEE Phase II grant sites. Kimberly School District will host Classroom Assessment for Student Learning October 4-5. There are still openings to attend this training. Lake Pend Oreille School District will host the same workshop on October 25-26. Register in the Professional Development Planner in SchoolNet, or contact Nancy Thomas Price.

All professional development efforts support the following goals:

- 1. Increase awareness about formative assessment to ensure alignment of the written, taught, and tested curriculum.
- 2. Make optimal use of SchoolNet Tools to the degree that student achievement is impacted.
- 3. Prepare for the Common Core State Standards and corresponding summative assessments by developing balanced assessment systems and increasing assessment literacy

For more information please contact Nancy Thomas Price: nthomasprice@sde.idaho.gov/208-332-6988

ISAT Alt. & IRI Alt.

ISAT Alt season is nearly upon us. New and revised resources have been posted to the Idaho Training Clearinghouse at: http://idahotc.com/alternate-assessment/Home.aspx

Documents available:

ISAT Alt Portfolio Manual 2012-2013 (REVISED) Recommended for new ISAT Alt teachers

ISAT Alt Assessed Extended Content Objectives for Grades 3-5 (NEW) Recommended for returning ISAT Alt teachers)

ISAT Alt Assessed Extended Content Objectives for Grades 6-8 (NEW) Recommended for returning ISAT Alt teachers)

ISAT Alt Assessed Extended Content Objectives for Grades 9/10 (NEW) Recommended for returning ISAT Alt teachers

IPASS Timelines by Roles (NEW) Recommended for ISAT Alt teacher, test coordinators and District Admin Tool Users)

ISAT Alt Proficiency Level Ranges (NEW) Recommended for ISAT Alt Teachers, district and building administration

For more information please contact Toni Wheeler: tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov/208-332-6957

IRI/ERI

IRI testing will be coming to an end on September 28th. After the 28th you will no longer be able to test students. Please shred any unused tests and secure all proctor booklets. Districts have until **October 12th** to enter IRI data onto the new IRI web application:

https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/IRI. For detailed information on the new web application please visit the IRI Training website at: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/reading indicator/training.htm.

At the beginning of August, the Extended Reading Intervention Step 2 was opened. Please ensure that all your elementary schools complete this application by October 26th. You can access Step 2 from this link: http://apps.sde.idaho.gov/ERI/Home/Home.

Over the next couple of months we will be inquiring an IRI consultant. If you or you know of someone who would be interested please click here: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/reading-indicator/docs/IRI%
2012.pdf

to review the scope of work. Please send in your resume and cover letter to Stephanie Lee, slee@sde.idaho.gov, Fax 208-334-2228, or PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0027

For more information please contact Stephanie Lee: slee@sde.idaho.gov/208-332-6903



Fall ISATs Are Rapidly Approaching.

Please view the table below for the Fall ISAT dates.

Dates	Test	Includes/Notes Due
11/12/2012-12/14/2012	ISAT Fall 2012	Dates for Fall ISAT Testing. Last week of each test window is for make-up tests only. Retesting of 11th and 12th graders only.

TEST COORDINATOR WEBINAR Training Memos will be sent via webmail. Please watch your mailbox for updates.

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Assessment	Testing Date	Assessment	Testing Date
NAEP	NAEP Jan Feb March 2013		April 8th to May 10th
IRI-AA	Spring - April 8 to May 10th	ISAT-Alt.	Oct. 15th to Feb. 28th
IRI	Fall - Aug. 20th to Sept. 28th Spring - April 8 to May 10th	IELA	Pre-window Dec. 3 to Jan. 4 Feb. 18 to March 29th
SAT	April 17th	ACCUPLACER	March 25th to May 3rd